GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4600
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SPYING GANG
TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Spy gang escapes after news leak` appearing in The Hindu dated February, 25, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether other members of the gang escaped owing to leakage of news of arrest of two spies by the media; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government against the officers held responsible for this ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d) On February 21, 2000, following recovery of some documents containing information on Indian Army, Custom Officials apprehended two Pak nationals at Attari Railway Station in Punjab. They contacted Officers of GRP, State CID and other Centra Intelligence agencies. The Pak nationals were interrogated by the State and Central Intelligence Agencies.

The allegation in the news item could not be substantiated.